



VOSH PROGRAM DIRECTIVE:

12-119A

**SUBJECT:** *Amendment to the Virginia Confined Space Standard for the Construction Industry, CNSP.146*

**A. Purpose.**

*This Directive transmits the above-referenced amended standard to field personnel.*

*This Program Directive is an internal guideline, not a statutory or regulatory rule, and is intended to provide instructions to VOSH Personnel regarding internal operation of the Virginia Occupational Safety and Health Program and is solely for the benefit of the program. This document is not subject to the Virginia Register Act or the Administrative Process Act; it does not have general application and is not being enforced as having the force of law.*

**B. Scope.**

*This Directive applies to all VOSH personnel and specifically to Occupational Health Enforcement and Voluntary Compliance personnel.*

**C. Action.**

*The Assistant Commissioner for Enforcement, Directors and Supervisors shall assure that employers comply with the requirements of the Virginia Confined Space Standard for the Construction Industry.*

D. Effective Date.

July 15, 1993

E. Expiration Date.

Not Applicable.

F. Background.

*The basis and purpose of the amendment to the Virginia Confined Space standard for General Industry and the Construction Industry is to allow for the adoption of the federal standard entitled, "Permit-Required Confined Spaces Standard for General Industry," 1910.146.*

*G. Summary.*

*The scope of the Virginia unique Confined Space standard previously extended to both general industry and the construction industry. On June 21, 1993, the Safety and Health Codes Board adopted the new federal identical Permit-Required Confined Spaces Standard for General Industry, §1910.146. As a result, the most recent Virginia standard was renamed the "Virginia Confined Space Standard for the Construction Industry, CNSP.146," and remains in effect for the construction industry only.*

*Carol Amato*

*Commissioner*

*E-Attachment: Virginia Confined Space Standard for the Construction Industry, CNSP.146*

*[http://www.doli.virginia.gov/vosh\\_enforcement/pdfs/16vac25-140.pdf](http://www.doli.virginia.gov/vosh_enforcement/pdfs/16vac25-140.pdf)*

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